



# City Celebrates Completion of Airport Terminal Renovations and New Concessions

The City of San Antonio Aviation Department has officially completed the Terminal Renovations and Concession Redevelopment Project and today celebrated the milestone in the new Terminal 1 Food Court. The premiere event included keynote addresses delivered by San Antonio Mayor Ed Garza, District 9 Councilman Carroll Schubert, City Manager Terry Brechtel, Assistant City Manager Christopher J. Brady, Aviation Director Kevin C. Dolliole, Gabriel Durand-Hollis, Partner Durand-Hollis Rupe, Paul Foster, President, FosterCMGroup, Inc. and Westfield Corporation's Director of Airport Development George Giaquinto.

It was a festive affair, carrying a movie premiere theme, complete with celebrity look-a-likes and a mini-documentary video entitled "A Promise Delivered". The video presentation focused entirely on the promises made at the beginning of the Terminal Renovations and Concession Redevelopment Project and the promises kept at the end of the project. "There were many promises made by the city at the start of the Terminal Renovations and Concession Redevelopment Project and I am pleased to say that all have been delivered," said Aviation Director Kevin C. Dolliole. "It was important to the Aviation Department to make sure all goals and objectives were met."

The design team for the project included Durand-Hollis Rupe as the lead architectural firm along with another local firm Marmon Mok. The project was managed by the FosterCMGroup, Inc. The terminal renovations include improved lighting, new terrazzo flooring and metal finishes throughout Terminal 1. Because the Airport Master Plan eventually calls for Terminal 2 to be torn down and replaced with a new concourse, renovations in Terminal 2 were scaled back. However, Terminal 2 did receive a concession make over and received other services found in both terminals like the addition of multi-user flight information monitors.

The renovations have also brought San Antonio and Texas hill country elements to the airport. Mayor Ed Garza stated "Renovating the terminal facilities was a critical step to take as the airport is the first and last impression our visitors receive of the City. We want arriving passengers to experience the spirit of San Antonio the minute they deplane, and I think we have accomplished that." Local artist Cesar Martinez has designed gate area tiled portals in Terminal 1 that reflect images of San Antonio. Los Angeles artist May Sun recreated the flow of the San Antonio River in the terrazzo flooring leading to the Terminal 1 food court. The food court itself is set apart by a beautiful fountain that is designed to emulate the spill dam found in Brackenridge Park.

The storefronts for all concessions in Terminal 1 feature limestone facades, indicative of the architecture in the Texas hill country. Ten thousand square feet of concession space has been added in both Terminals 1 and 2. The food courts in each of the terminals feature multi-colored umbrella-like overhead lighting representing the bright umbrellas that one finds on San Antonio's famous Riverwalk.

Westfield Concession Management was contracted by the city to oversee the concession selection process and management. There are eighteen new restaurants in Terminals 1 and 2 with nine in each terminal. In Terminal 1, patrons can enjoy *Blimpie Sandwiches*, *George Gervin's Sports Bar and Grill*, *Famous Famiglia Pizza* and *McDonald's* in the north concourse and *Alamo City Microbrewery* in the south Concourse. The Food Court boasts *Las Palapas* Mexican Restaurant, *Popeye's Chicken*, *Marble Slab Creamery* and *Le Petit Bistro*. There is a *Starbucks* pre and post security. Besides an assortment of beverages, *Starbucks* also offers a light food menu and desserts.

In Terminal 2, you can find *Cinnabon* pre-security. In the Terminal 2 Food Court, there is another *McDonald's*, *Baskin Robbins*, *Quizno's Subs*, *Taste of Orient* and *Alamo Books and Café*, which also offers a coffee bar and *Tribute Bar*. In the gate area, patrons can enjoy *Rosario's* Mexican food or a lighter fare at *Frulatti Bakery and Café*. There is also another *Starbucks* in the gate area.

San Antonio International Airport has also added a number of new retail shops in both Terminals. You can find news and gifts stores called *Alamo Extra* in Terminals 1 and 2. In Terminal 1, before the checkpoint, travelers can utilize the *Never 2 Late Business Center* and *City Employees Federal Credit Union*. The business center offers conference room facilities, offices for rent, faxing and copying services, mailing services, money exchange and office supplies for sale. The credit union can meet members' banking needs and has a loan officer on site. There is also a video arcade, *Landing Zone*, pre-security.

Just past the checkpoint in Terminal 1, there are four new shops: *Swatch Watch*, *Texas Executive* (leather goods), *Celebration of Golf*, and *Stars of San Antonio* (souvenirs). There is also a book store past security as you turn down the west concourse called *Simply Books*. If you need a shoeshine, *Shannon Smith's Shoe Shine* is located in the North Concourse just as you make the turn to go down to the Southwest Airlines gates. For international travelers, there is a *Duty Free Shop* in the South Concourse of Terminal 1.

In Terminal 2, you can find keepsakes from San Antonio at *Native Texan*, located in the food court and can take away Texas spices and cookbooks by shopping at *Texan Accent* in the gate area. *Landing Gear* clothing shop, just past the food court on the way to the gates, offers a selection of casual women's apparel items and there is another *Shannon Smith's Shoe Shine* in Terminal 2 as well.

"This project began with the airport customer in mind," said City Manager Terry Brechtel. "The renovations of the terminals and addition of new concessions were undertaken by the City to answer the patrons' airport needs and to improve their overall experience at San Antonio International Airport. And now that the renovations and concession improvements have been made, San Antonio International Airport will be building for the future, as the airport will break ground on new terminal and parking facilities next year!"